

Recently CableVision of Raritan Valley (NJ) added a nubmer of channels and of course raised the rates. I neither wanted nor requested these and yet I am paying. In fact there are plenty of Cable TV channel that I don't particularly want.

If they can do pay-per-view and charge a premium for HBO, Showtime or other channel, they are fully capable of providing an "ala-carte" channel offerings. It's all digital now, and can be done in the central office. It's merely an excuse to raise fees. This approach would also help lower the cost of some channels since folks would simply choose not to purchase them unless they were suitably priced. This is an old canard, lets use the modern technology and serve the customer and and let the market prevail. It's clear the cable behaves as an unregulated monopoly which it seems to be. Let's either reregulate or get them to be more customer friendly. Thank you.